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## GANDHI BREAKS FAST

Calcutta, Sept. 4.—Mahatma Gandhi agreed tonight to break his fast, which he began last Monday night, and which he said was to end only when Calcutta "returned to sanity."

After three days of communal disturbances, in which nearly 100 people were reported to have been killed, Calcutta was quiet today for the first time since Monday.

The city had been quiet for the past 24 hours and no incidents were reported, a Government communiqué said tonight.

Anxety has arisen in the city on account of Mr Gandhi's age—he is 70. Today's morning bulletin said that he was "distinctly weaker." He had taken nothing but water since he began his fast on Monday evening.

At the end of his 73-hour fast tonight, Mr Gandhi said that peace in Calcutta must be maintained at any cost.

He told leaders of all political parties that if peace were kept in Calcutta the effect would be felt throughout India.

### DRINKS LIME JUICE

Breaking his fast, Mr Gandhi took a glass of sweet lime juice from the hand of Mr T. S. Subbarao, former Moslem Premier of Bengal, at 9.15 p.m. (local time).

Groups of youths laid hand-grenades, Stein guns and other weapons at Mr Gandhi's feet shortly after he had ended his fast. These were the weapons they would have apparently used against communal opponents if Mr Gandhi's action had not stopped them.

Before ending his fast Mr Gandhi obtained an understanding, signed by the leaders of the Hindu, Moslem and Sikh communities in Calcutta, that they would be responsible for the preservation of peace in their respective areas.

They also pledged themselves to strive, even at the cost of their lives, to prevent a resumption of the disorder.

### PUNJAB SITUATION

Meanwhile, the first communiqué issued in Lahore tonight by the newly-created east Punjab military area reported troops in action in several places in the Punjab against armed bands raiding refugee columns.

While the slaughter of minorities on both sides of the Punjab border seems to be passing, the pillaging of villages and the two-way flight of terrified minorities still goes on, a Lahore despatch said.

A member of a Dominion Cabinet just back from visiting Lahore, speaking "off the record," urged the immediate restoration of mixed police forces on both sides of the border to give the minorities confidence.

He held the opinion that police forces alone could maintain order if they were kept non- communally affected. He had little confidence, he said, in the efficacy of peace appeals while refugees continued to spread tales of slaughter and rape.

## Emergency Aid To Europe

**\$2,000,000,000 May Be Granted**

### MARSHALL PREPARING PLAN

Washington, Sept. 4.—President Truman may cut short his present Latin-American trip to return here to approve plans now being worked out for emergency aid to Europe—probably by a November special session of Congress, informed quarters said here tonight.

Mr George Marshall, Secretary of State, was beginning an intensive series of conferences with his senior experts in the hope of working out a definite scheme within the next fortnight—before he attends the United Nations' General Assembly meeting at Lake Success on September 16.

The scheme is based on the realization by the United States Government that European difficulties are growing daily and might get out of hand by the end of the year.

Informed quarters here suggested this as a purely tentative time-table for speedier developments with regard to aid for Europe.

Firstly, the start of hearings by the House of Representatives' and Senate Foreign Affairs Committees shortly, during which key Congressmen could be fully acquainted with the European crisis.

Secondly, a full session of both Houses early in November with the aim of their appropriating interim funds of some \$2,000,000,000, prior to the Marshall plan.

Thirdly, this action would be followed immediately by the start of the Marshall plan itself, so that an orderly reconstruction scheme could begin as soon as the winter's dangers

are past.

**E AND I BANK FUNDS**

Although much depends on the attitude of Congress to interim aid, it was considered possible that the remaining \$800,000,000 capital of the Export and Import Bank would be used for similar "balance of payments" loans—to keep certain European countries in the position to continue buying their needs in American grain and coal.

It was uncertain whether as was hinted yesterday by Mr Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, the World Bank would also be called in but any funds from this source could be used as things stand at present only for prospective reconstruction plans.

It was conceded that this plan depended entirely on the attitude of Congress which has yet to demonstrate fully its reaction to Mr Lovett's statements.

The spokesman added that the figures he was giving were provisional, though he thought they would not in fact be much changed. Apart from the United States purchase the 16 countries planned a key programme of shipbuilding, the spokesman said.

Mr Marshall was also discussing the general situation with Mr Lovett and Mr George Kennan, head of his policy planning department, who is due back from Paris next week with Mr William Clayton, assistant Secretary of State for economic affairs.

Definite assertions that their action would "strike a blow at the morale of the Spanish people" the conference rejected by a majority of more than 1,000,000 votes a resolution calling on the British Government to apply economic sanctions against General Franco.

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### Antenor Reconverted

London, Sept. 4.—The 11,000-ton Blue Funnel liner, Antenor, well-known in Hongkong waters and other Far Eastern ports, will sail on September 10 on her first trip after re-conversion to her role as a passenger-cargo liner after serving as an armed merchant cruiser and troopship during the war.

Refitted in Scottish shipyards, she will leave Liverpool for Australia and South Africa with typical Scottish exports—carpets and machinery.

Her war service, which began in 1939, ended in February last. A re-fit in Calcutta equipped her for trooping duties after two years' service as an armed merchant cruiser.—Reuter.

### 500,000 PARISIANS TO STRIKE

Paris, Sept. 4.—An estimated half-million angry Paris workers prepared tonight to stage a 90-minute protest strike tomorrow afternoon against the skyrocketing living costs and dwindling bread ration as Prime Minister Paul Ramadier faced his fifth critical confidence vote in France's National Assembly.

The strike was to be launched by a one-hour stoppage of all Paris buses and subways from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. These services were scheduled to resume in time to enable hundreds of thousands of other workers to cease work at 4.30 and converge on the historic Champs de Mars under the Eiffel Tower for Communist-organized mass demonstrations at 6 p.m.

The police already had set up barriers today around Premier Ramadier's office and key government buildings.

The work stoppage climaxed the mounting wave of strikes and demonstrations throughout France against the cut in the already meager bread ration three days ago from 250 to 200 grams daily and living costs, which according to official figures had soared 25 per cent in the past month.

The confidence vote M. Ramadier will face tomorrow appeared likely to be the toughest of all the five since his coalition government, without Communist support, was formed on January 22. If he received a majority at all, he was expected to squeeze through only by the skin of his teeth. Even that was not certain and political commentators feared he might be defeated, which would mean the downfall of his government.

Originally his position had seemed secure, but today the powerful Steering Committee of his own Socialist Party issued an ultimatum that it would withhold its vote unless he agreed to its drastic programme of Socialism and economic controls laid down by the Party convention a month ago. He was expected to stall for time.—United Press.

Within a few minutes of the start being accomplished, souvenir score cards were on sale at the ground—a lasting record of a truly great performance.—Reuter.

### Cricket, Football, Golf, Tennis

## COMPTON SETS A RECORD

### Scores 17 Centuries In One Season

### SING TAO DEFEATED 3-2

London, Sept. 4.—Denis Compton, 29-year-old Middlesex and England cricketer and Arsenal and England footballer, today became the new holder of a record for scoring the most centuries in a season. Playing against the South Africans for South of England at Hastings he scored 101 before being stumped. This was his 17th first-class century of the summer and beat the record of 16 set up by John Berry Hobbs, one of the greatest cricketers "between the wars" in 1925.

### DEFEAT FOR SING TAO

London, Sept. 4.—The Isthmian League tonight defeated the Sing Tao by three goals to two. The half-time score was a goal each.

Although losing by the odd goal of five at Romford, Sing Tao appear to have remedied their greatest weakness—goal shyness. Throughout the game they kept the Isthmian League defence on their toes.

The tourists had quite the equal of exchanges against the strong League side, which included six international players, and at times their mid-field play was almost copybook.

Chau Man-chi, at inside left, was outstanding in a clever attack, his ball control and distribution often having the League defence worried.

Centre half Yiu King-shing was a tower of strength, holding his rival centre forward in tight check and being ably supported by the fullbacks, which Yue Yiu-kei in goal delighted the onlookers with his acrobatic display.

In the tenth minute Chau Man-chi gave the visitors the lead, but Stannard soon equalised. This was the half-time score.

After the interval Stannard and Connell scored for the League and cheered for nearly five minutes. The South Africans crowded round and congratulated him and then Robins, his County skipper, and Bill Edrich, partner in several wonderful stands for County and country, ran from the pavilion to add their congratulations. Newsreel cameramen photographed the unique scene and the game was held for considerable time.

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### BAD COLLAPSE

Hastings, Sept. 4.—The South of England XI are in danger of following on against South Africa, despite some brilliant batting by Denis Compton and Bill Edrich.

The South Africans continued their first innings and reached 510 for eight wickets when they declared and the South replied with 341 for nine before the close of play.

Dawson was still not out with 166 to his credit when the tourists declared and then the famous Middlesex trio of Robertson, Edrich and Compton gave the South such a good start that 226 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Once Compton had gone, however, there was only feeble resistance from the Southerners, who paid the penalty for trying to take liberties.

The close of play scores were: South Africa 510 for eight declared (Mann, 166 not out); South of England 341 for nine (Robertson 55, Edrich 64, Compton 101).

### OTHER RESULTS

The results of football games played tonight were:

Second Division—Dinchester Rovers 2, Cardiff City 2.

Third Division—Southern Leyton Orient 0, Walsall 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2, Brighton and Hove 0.

Third Division Northern—Carlisle United 1, York City 1.—Reuter.

## PHENOMENAL SCORING

Slough, Sept. 4.—More phenomenal scoring marked the second round of the Pensford Thousand Guineas golf tournament here today at the end of which 49 players qualified for the final 36 holes tomorrow.

Norman Von Nida, of Australia, who has been dominating British tournaments this year, led the way with 133, the best score for 36 holes in British events this season.

There were several leading Britishers close behind, however, no fewer than 15 players today laying scores better than 70.

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### REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

The close of play scores in representative games today were:

At Scarborough: MCC 302 and 17, Richardson 61, Pollard 40, for 34.

At Kingston-on-Thames: North of England 448 for nine declared and 391 for four (Fletcher 70, Cooper 67).

South of England 357 (Todd 104, Dodd 78, Squires 69).—Reuter.

### RYDER CUP TEAM

It is officially announced that Henry Colton will be captain of the British Ryder Cup team opposing the United States on November 1 and 2 at Portland, Oregon.

The following six players will be in the team:

James Adams, Fred Daly, R. W. Horne, S. L. King, D. J. Rees and C. H. Ward. The remaining three places will be filled from Laurie Aston, Ken Bowditch, Fred Bullock, Dick Burton, Max Faulkner, Eric Green, Arthur Lees and Norman Sutton.

Lees and Aston have been added to the original nominees and it is still possible that other players will be considered, depending on the outcome of tournaments still to be played.—Reuter.

## DWINDLING COAL STOCKS THREATEN INDUSTRIES

Doncaster, Yorkshire, Sept. 4.

—As the number of pits affected rose today to 48 and the number of miners idle reached 60,000 men, industry waited anxiously for the result of the new moves to end the 24-day-old south Yorkshire miners' strike, which threatens to spread over the whole coalfield and cut off fuel supplies.

Dwindling coal stocks have already forced industries in and around the Yorkshire area to cut their fuel consumption and in Sheffield, where some of the biggest steel industries in the world are located, the gas company has called for a 50 per cent reduction in consumption.

A spokesman of the National Coal Board, which introduced the extra

length to be worked to speed up production, made it clear that the Board had no intention of giving in to the miners on this issue.

"This is the first test case of our authority," he said. "At such an early stage in our career, we cannot afford to have our prestige shaken by withdrawing the new order."—Reuter.

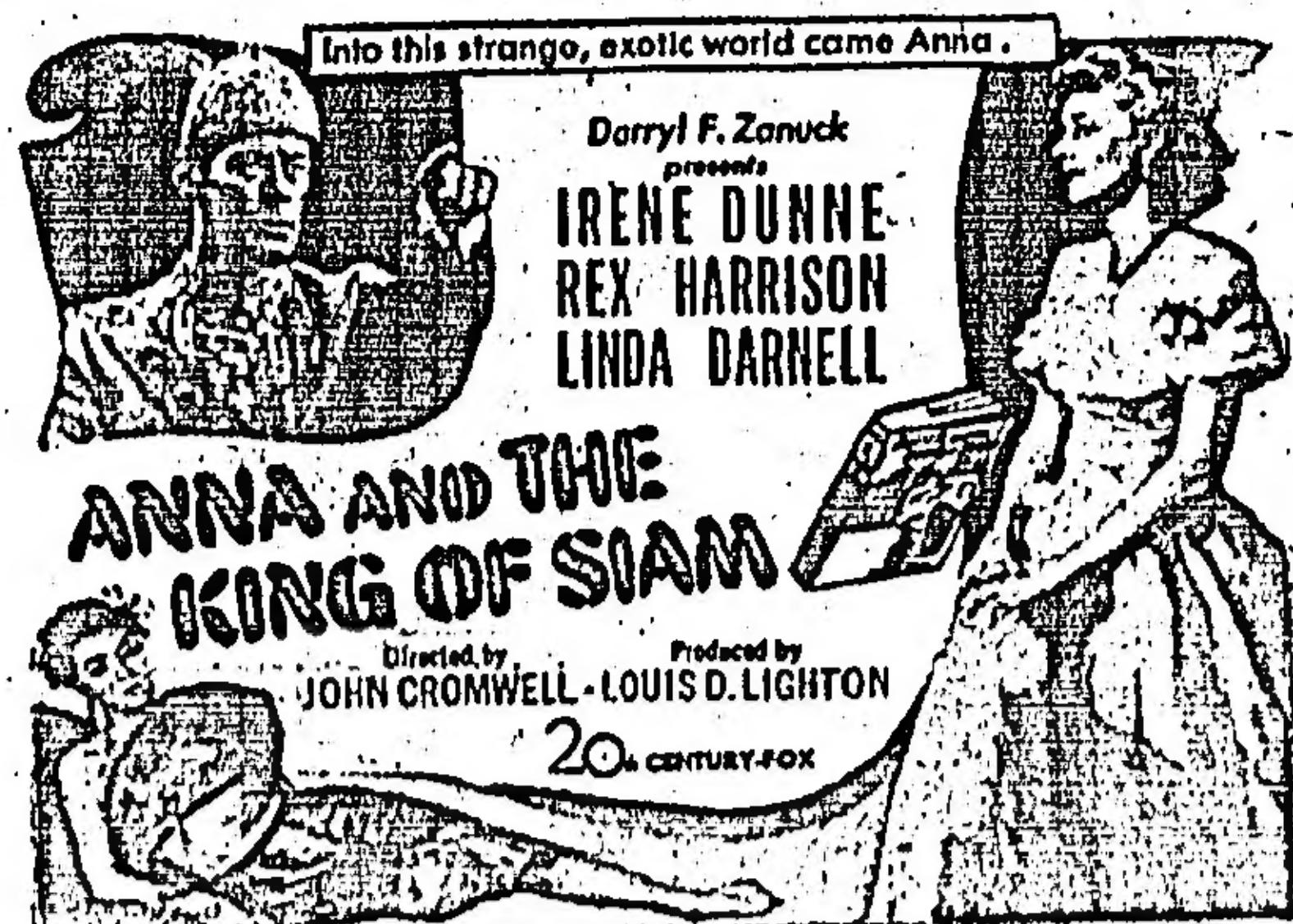
### W. C. Choy Loses

London, Sept. 4.—Howard Walton, R.A.F. champion, A. E. Owen, an ambidextrous newcomer to lawn tennis, G. Eros, of Hungary, and Ghous Mohamed, of India, are the semi-finalists in the Walswick Hard Court tournament.

W. C. Choy, Chinese Davis Cup player, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

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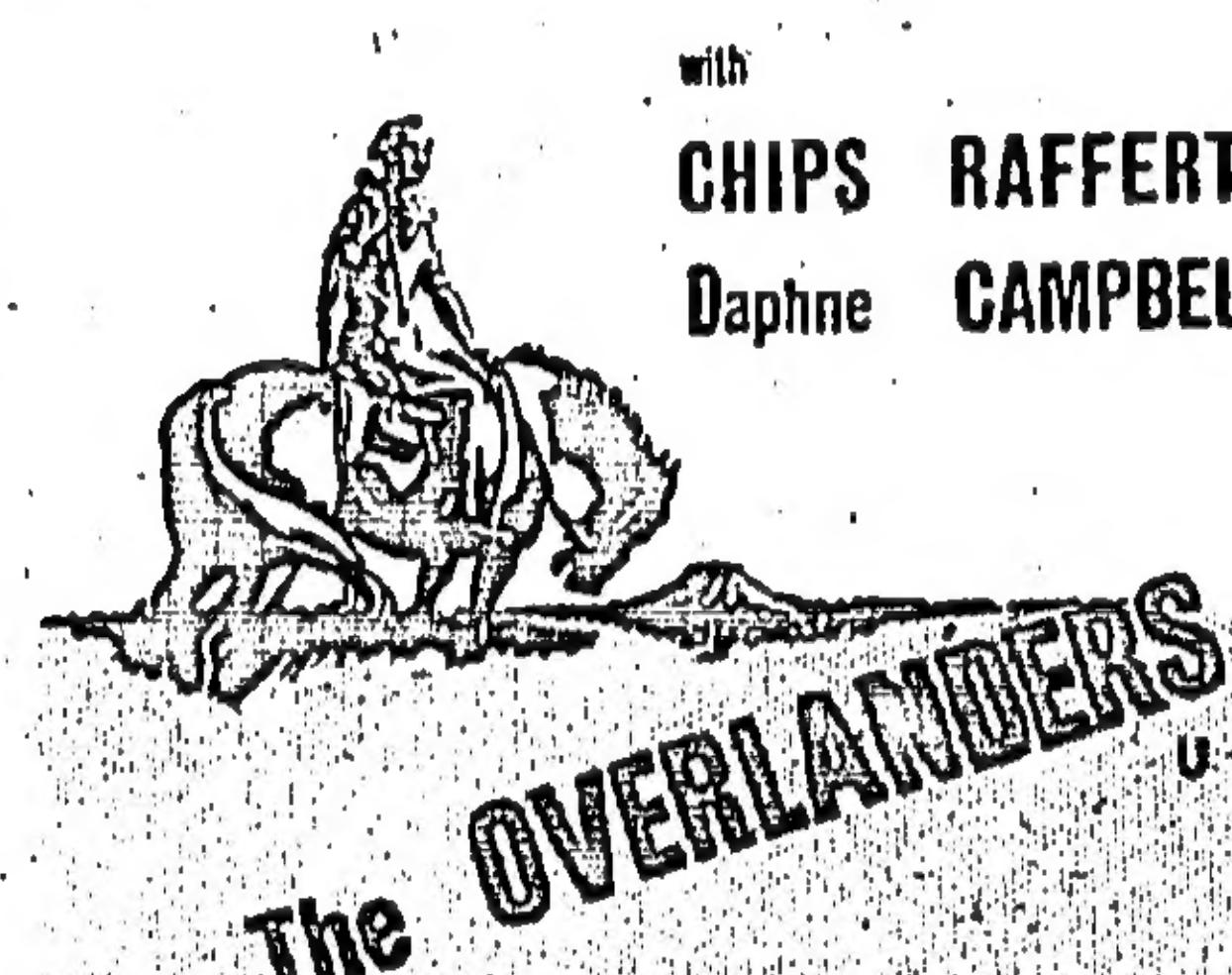
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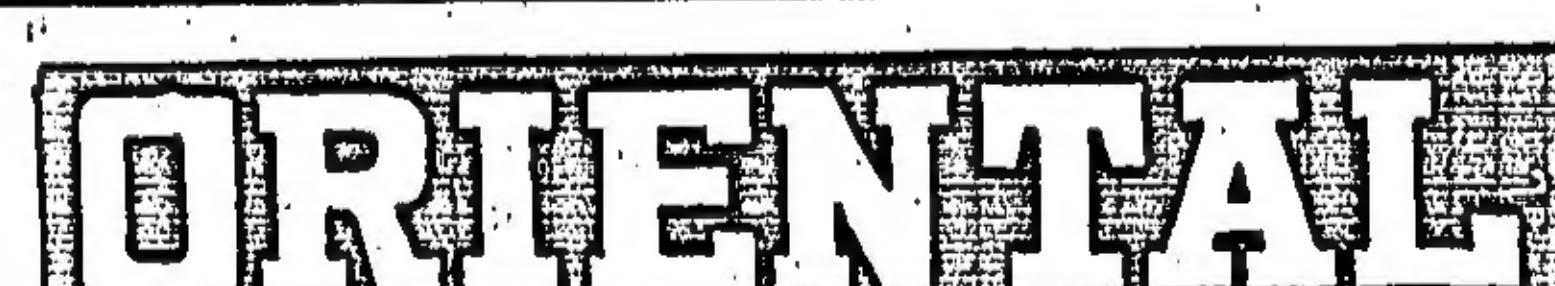
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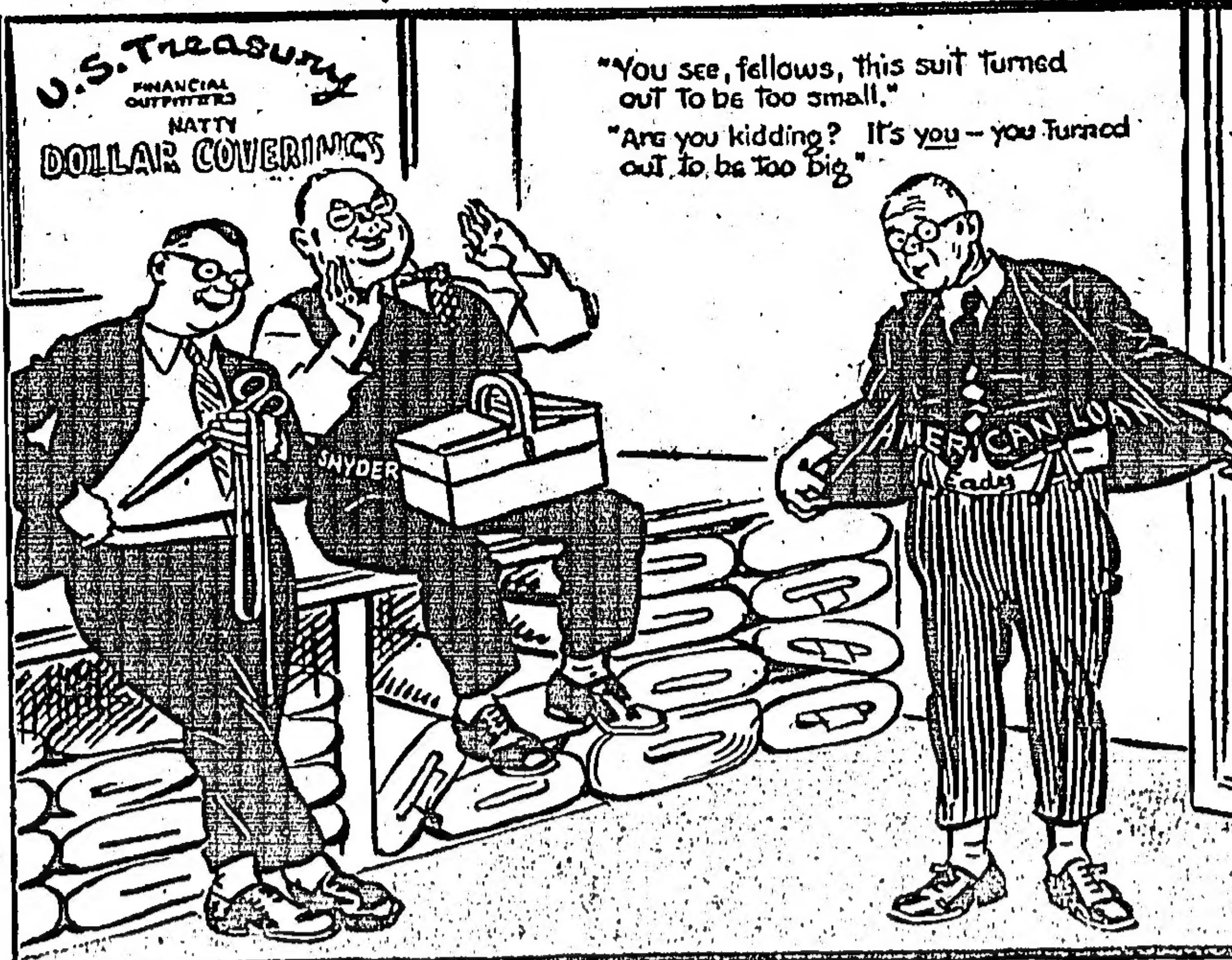
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## MISFIT TO MEASURE

By LOW

Germans think  
they will get  
a soft peace

R HUBARB tart, rich in sugar and real milk, and ice-cream were being served in the freshly painted cafe in the Koenigsallee in Dusseldorf.

Down at the Central Station, a few hundred yards away, the kartoffelzug (the "potato train," which every large town in the British zone has every day) was just disgorging its food-hunting hordes. Each carried a rucksack or bag of off-the-ration potatoes and other farm produce, wheeled out of the surrounding farms for cigarettes or schnapps, or the last remaining trinkets.

Thirty miles away, down at Cologne on the Rhine, 20,000 German workers were striking for more food.

That was one of the contrasts I found in the Ruhr-Rhine Province during a three-weeks fact-finding tour up and down the British zone.

That contrast, and the other facts I learned on my trip, have convinced me that to-day, two years after their collapse, the Germans now have the measure of our policy. They believe they have us just where they want us—and they are taking us for a ride.

They know that all idea of a "hard peace" for Germany has been abandoned. The policy of "soft peace" has won. The British, always bad haters, are already telling them officially that they should "be proud of being Germans," and presumably of putting the "whole" European apple-cart in the economic ditch.

## Blackmail

THE Germans were slightly disturbed by fears that the July talks in Paris might have led to some understanding between the Allies on the German problem and that would have ruined their policy of trying to split us.

But Paris failed, and the "victorious" Germans now think they can blackmail us into giving them better conditions, putting a stop to reparations and the dismantling of war factories, and the provision of more food for them than many other peoples in Europe, ruined by the Germans, are now getting.

Meanwhile their blackmailing weapons are Go-slow methods, passive resistance, refusal to work, strikes and demonstrations, and the officially tolerated vast black market which is smothering all economic recovery.

They are allowing themselves these luxuries because they are convinced that no matter what happens, the British—and the Americans—both for political and humanitarian reasons, will never let them starve.

They know they are sitting on the coal wealth of Europe in the Ruhr, and they say: "If you do not give us

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"CANNIBALISM," says my paper, "still exists in Papua." That is probably because the pigmy cows are too small to eat—or whatever else comes into one's head. And, anyhow, the natives probably get tired of a diet of 30lb. mussels, flying dogs and gong-beetles.

These are cooked on a slow fire of yam-roots by tribal magicians. The headman tastes the meat by dipping a hollow shell into the great wallaby-hide pot which hangs suspended over the fire by strong strips of kava steeped in salt. At the Feast of the Dobbo all the natives walk on stilts and wear devil-masks and shoot burning arrows at the moon. And so we say farewell to Papua, land of romance and mystery.

It is because the new legislation rules that the squire must either contribute materially to the economic welfare of the countryside—or go under.

## Crushing burden

There will be in his future no sentimental regard for his traditional and self-imposed benevolence.

Just like any of his tenant farmers, he is to find his justification solely in the right use that he makes of his land from a purely commercial point of view—the production of food for man and beast, or of landlords.

Whether, and to what extent, the land-owning class will in this new world be able to justify themselves to the nation and to their own local environment, time alone will show.

He has traditionally been relied on to head the list of subscriptions to local charities, to preside over the magistrates' Bench and attend quarter sessions, to assist in the recruitment of the Territorial force and possibly to play a specially active part in county affairs as a councillor or alderman.

He has been the man to whom the local population have looked for guidance and encouragement in their day-to-day life, and for financial assistance in so far as his resources permitted.

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So often it has been the squire who has been mainly instrumental in repairing the parish church, who has built and maintained the village hall, donated almshouses, a public park and sometimes even a golf course.

To the cottagers he has been a special benefactor, the chief pillar of the entire social fabric.

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## STAR SHINE

Lovely Gladys Swarthout, leading mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, has a charming personality. She lives in a huge apartment in New York with the East River just below her windows. She is surrounded by her own "atmosphere," so colourful—pictures, bric-a-brac, bibelots and other treasures collected during her tours.

When Gladys Swarthout sings her favourite roll of "Carmen" she becomes the lazy gypsy, warmed by the sun. She is, "Carmen," not Gladys Swarthout, and that is exactly as it should be!

She reflects her own Star Shine in her enthusiasm, her interest in what other people have to say. I spent a very interesting hour with her recently and it was remarkable to see how she combines her career with her home-making and, as is so often the case, she loves her home. But must go away on long tours!

Her clothes are simple and she loves warm colours and clothes which are cut on simple lines. Her hair is a soft brown, brushed and brushed until it shines, and is cut in a deep page-boy whirl. It is crisp and full of vitality, as is the woman herself.

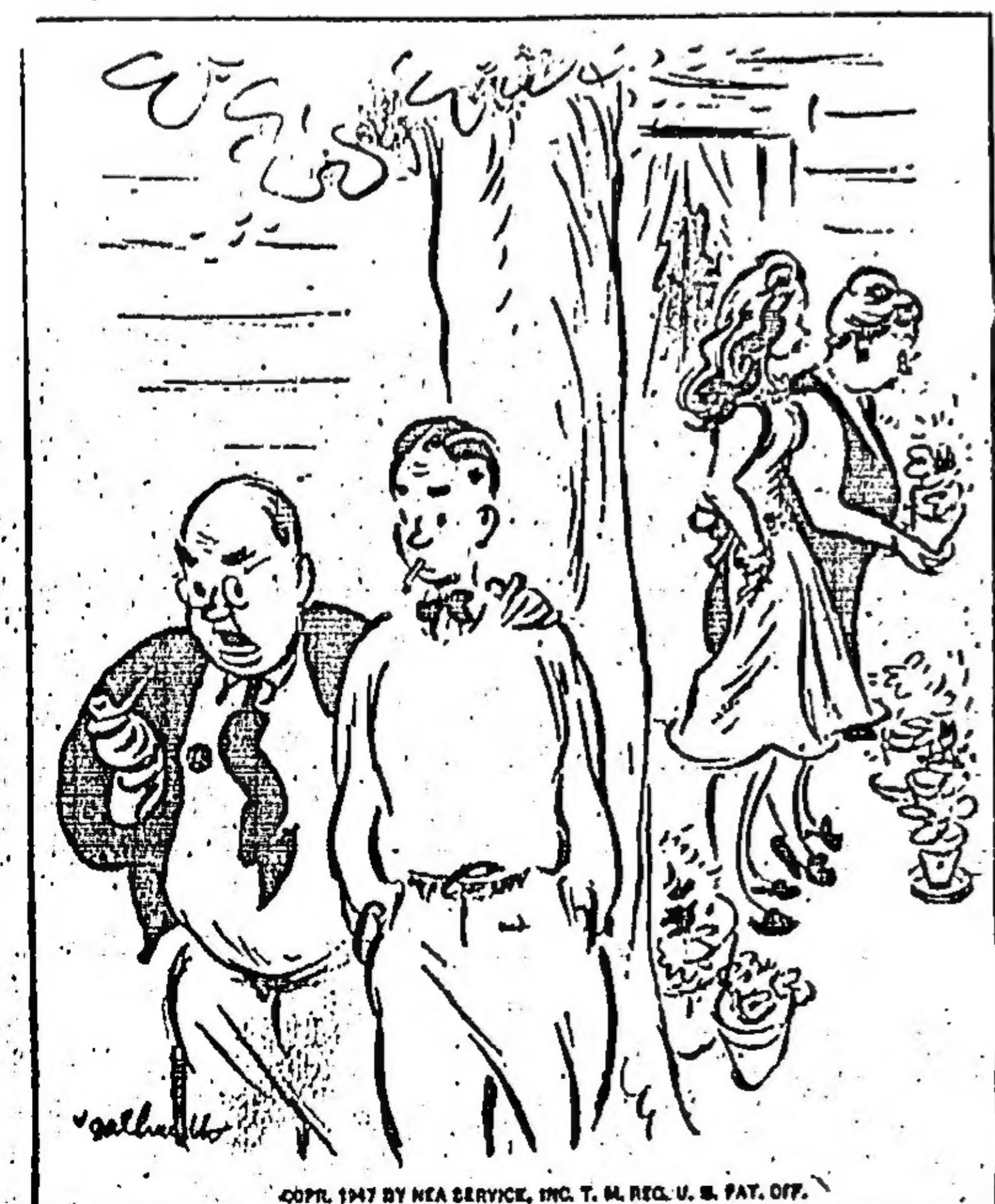
*Offstage Makeup*  
by GABRIELLE



Hats are now wearing "bustle" bows in the back. So, match your new hat with a "bustle" bow on your dress. This idea "pops up" any basic dress and makes a "creation" out of a last year's dress!

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Well, son, my only advice to a newly married man is to stick to your decisions—that is, after you've asked your wife's advice!"

# DUTCH IN BATAVIA LIVE AGAIN IN PREWAR AIR

Batavia, Sept. 4.—With stubborn Dutch completeness, this colonial capital has been transformed into its prewar appearance as a bit of transplanted Holland, since "police action" against the Republic of Indonesia began on July 20.

There is almost no sign now that for nearly two years this was the only city in Asia where a revolutionary nationalist government and a European colonial administration functioned side by side with surprisingly little administrative friction.

For the Dutch, good old days seem to be back again. The Dutch flag flies over Radio Jogjakarta and over the Republican Post Office. Telephone operators put through your call only when you ask for "Meester" or "Weltverden." They curly don't understand and cut you off if you absentmindedly ask for exchanges by Indonesian names—used in the past two years without question.

On the streets, you see only military vehicles and civilian cars with license plates beginning with the letter "D." The Indonesian "X" plates have disappeared. All re-

publican-registered automobiles were confiscated within 24 hours after the Dutch struck at 10 p.m. on July 20.

## Dutch Complaint

In the Harmonie Club, solid Dutch burghers drink their fiery gin, talking with eager enthusiasm of Dutch military victories against ill-armed, ill-organized Republicans. And they complain with open bitterness that the United Nations ceasefire order cannot work out in practice and has had no other effect than to keep them from completing a well begun.

There is no visible sign of the Republic left here. Yet inside countless small homes, the Republic still lives. Moments after the Republicans broadcast a military communiqué or a speech, foreign correspondents here are handed typewritten copies. Without telephones or motor transport, former Republican information officials, who still hold allegiance to Jogjakarta, pedal about on bicycles to carry out their former duties.

In their homes, from early morning until well after the midnight curfew, you see them assembled in little groups around the radio.

## Young Republicans

They are young, most of them—students, professional men, teachers. The common people, the coolies, street vendors and peasants seem to care little who controls the government. After 350 years of European rule, only seven percent of them can read and write. They are more interested in the price of rice than the price of freedom, whether it be derived through their own leaders or introduced gradually, as the Dutch say they plan to do.

To those who know them well, the Republicans admit their government has had many failings, but with Asiatic calm they say that whatever the result of the United Nations decision, some day they will have a Republic as the result of their own efforts—perhaps in five years, perhaps in 20.

But these feelings are expressed only to a few foreigners—mostly Americans and British whom they have known for a long time.

To the newcomer, Batavia seems to have completely turned back the clock until the ghost of the old East India Company might well be standing behind the chairs at the Harmonie Club, chuckling as each bottle of gin or pilsner beer is opened in prewar atmosphere.—Associated Press.

## FREE MUSIC LIBRARY

Music lovers, students and professional musicians all over the United Kingdom will shortly have a free library service at their disposal as a result of the creation of the Central Music Library.

This scheme has been made possible by the generous gift of Mrs. Winifred Christie-Moor, who gave £10,000 for the purpose as a memorial to her husband—Emmanuel Moor, distinguished composer and inventor of the two-keyboard piano.

With this fund as a nucleus, certain gifts have already been received, and the library of the late Edwin Evans has been acquired on generous terms from his widow.

Presumably, it is these anticipated developments that would be tested in the Pacific. One hint already has been given to Congress by Glenn L. Martin, aircraft manufacturer. He told a Senate committee recently that work was proceeding on a deadly atomic cloud.

The U.S. Army, too, has hinted at new-type "Buck Rogers" weapons.

The Commission's report also stated that:

1. Production of atomic bombs is continuing at a rate fixed by President Truman, upon the advice of the armed forces.

2. The Commission means to maintain and increase the present pre-eminence of the United States in atomic weapons, until "appropriate machinery has been established to ensure that this activity can be relaxed without endangering national security."

3. Internal atomic security regulations have been reviewed for effectiveness and changes for "greater security" of atomic secrets have been made.—United Press.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Name the theatre in London, built in 1599, where the plays of Shakespeare, Ben Jonson and contemporary playwrights were produced.

2. What is the difference between high and low humidity?

3. Is the island of Guam north or south of the equator?

4. Name the composer of the "Unfinished Symphony."

5. What type of boat was originally used in a regatta?

(Answers on Page 4)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. HOTTACCHI  
Black: 11 pieces.



White: 8 pieces.  
White, to play and mate in two.  
Solution: to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q—K8, enp: 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

## Rupert and the Jumping Fish -11



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## CROSSWORD

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6. After getting his mother's permission, Rupert runs off happily. Then he pauses. "This isn't so easy," he thinks. "The boy who just said he'd meet me at Rockey Bay, but how on earth am I to get there?" As he sits down he catches sight of a small building on the next hill. "That's Sailor Sam's shack," he thinks. "And I do believe that Sam himself is in front of it. There are two people he must have a friend with him. I'll go and ask him."

7. I smile at the likes. (6)

8. The musical instrument for twin fiddles. (6)

9. A small, rounded hill. (6)

10. This is two-sided. (6)

11. I'd aid Mary to become tills. (6)

12. I shot into a lift. (6)

13. The meaning of a bequest. (6)

14. Padding, syrup. (6)

15. The return of a plan. (6)

16. Make it range into stone. (6)

17. Gull. (4)

18. This is two-sided. (6)

19. Solution of Saturday's puzzle. (6)

20. Acrobatic. (6)

21. The Yank. (6)

22. The musical instrument for twin fiddles. (6)

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## Bevin Was Thinking Out Loud

London, Sept. 4.—Well-informed Whitehall sources said tonight that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, was only airing his pet idea without the prior backing of the British Government when he proposed that Fort Knox gold be redistributed to help devastated countries.

They said his text contained no reference to the gold store, and he was only "thinking out loud" without previous consultation with his Foreign Office and Treasury colleagues. They said probably even he had no clear conception how it would be carried out.

It is learned that Mr Bevin had previously mentioned the idea informally to Britons and Americans on several occasions, but had given no indication that he intended to broach it either publicly or formally.

Representative Christian Herter's 10-min Congressional Committee questioned Mr Bevin about his proposal when they had an hour's talk with him at the Foreign Office today.

It is understood that Mr Bevin suggested to the Herter Committee that redistribution of the surplus gold in Fort Knox would not necessitate any additional American domestic taxes and would fertilise industry.

### On General Terms

Mr Bevin only elaborated on the proposal in general terms, however, and still left vague whether he thought the gold should be redistributed by sale, gift or loan, or how it would prove of any lasting value in restoring the world balance of trade.

The Foreign Office said it could not elaborate on any portion of Mr Bevin's speech. A Treasury spokesman candidly admitted he did not see how redistribution of gold would be of more than temporary help in restoring trade before the recipients returned it to the United States in payment for American imports.

Financial quarters called the idea "fantastic." The Financial Times said Mr Bevin must be naive if he imagined the dollar shortage could be solved by such a manoeuvre.

Economicists conceded that ultimately, at some date when the world's trade balance had been corrected,

gold might be redistributed to keep foreign currencies stable, but to hand out gold at this time would be just pouring it down the drain.—United Press.

### Newspaper Reaction

London, Sept. 4.—British financial newspapers today received with a certain reserve Mr Ernest Bevin's speech to the Trade Unions Congress yesterday, in which he called for a Commonwealth customs union.

Most papers took the line of the Manchester Daily Despatch, which stated that although the speech was "bold and refreshing, we still lack the concrete proposals which will carry us through the crisis."

Liverpool's Daily Post said: "All that can be said until more is known of Mr Bevin's proposal is that the swing of Labour politicians from the widest and in some respects woolliest—Internationalism to a desire for British 'independence' of foreign links is one of the most surprising events of modern political history."

Stating that Mr Bevin's call for a customs union may be a "bit of kite-flying," the Birmingham Post said: "It is true that the colonies today are something more than what Adam Smith long since called 'the project of a gold mine'; it is true that the colonies, more than any established industrial community, are today complementary rather than competitive economic entities; and that political conditions are more favourable than ever before to economic co-operation between Britain and her colonies."—Reuter.

## Hungarian Govt. Resigns

Budapest, Sept. 4.—The newly formed Hungarian Coalition Government resigned today after a revolt in the Social Democratic Party—which came third in last Sunday's election—over the alleged improper methods by the Communists to gain votes by the Hungarian News Agency reported.

At the same time, M. Istvan Szolmoky, leader of the moderates in the Smallholders' Party, arrested after the election was set free again.

M. Zolman Tildy, the Hungarian President, tonight asked M. Lajos Dinnyes, (Smallholders) the Prime Minister, and his colleagues to remain in office until a new Government was set up.—Reuter.

## HAS INFORMATION TO SELL

Paris, Sept. 4.—A French convict who claims to know the whereabouts of hidden gold worth £200,000 belonging to the Bank of France has offered the information to the authorities in exchange for his freedom—and five percent of the gold.

The offer was contained in letter received by the authorities of La Rochelle Prison from a 35-year-old prisoner named Herman Balany. "When I was a prisoner at Blom," he wrote, "I found myself with several Vichy officials, condemned for collaboration. They told me where they had hidden the gold of the Bank of France worth 144 million francs. I am ready to tell the Public Prosecutor at La Rochelle where this gold is in return for my liberty and five per cent of the gold."—Reuter.

## Outlook For Marshall Plan Success Dim

By J. M. ROBERTS

New York, Sept. 4.—Hurried diplomatic trips between Washington, Paris and London indicate that the United States authorities are working desperately in an increasingly pessimistic atmosphere, to prevent the Marshall Plan for European economic recovery from being stillborn.

The 16-nation conference in Paris has produced no concrete plan for self-help to supplement American aid. Disillusionment over Europe's ability and willingness to work towards a cure of its economic ills is reported to be spreading in Washington. This is believed to have been behind American Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett's statement on Wednesday regarding the speedy approach of the Western Europe crisis.

### JAP REDS CREATING DISCONTENT

By MILES W. VAUGHN

Kokura, Kyushu, Sept. 4.—The relations between capital and labour throughout Kyushu are generally satisfactory, though there is a widespread fear that the Communists again may undertake to gain control of the labour and farm movements in the island when the Allied occupation ends.

During a tour of southwestern Japan by company of Maj-Gen R. B. Woodruff, Commanding General of the First Corps, I found Communist organisers had been extremely active in the larger cities early in the occupation, but apparently never made the headway they achieved for a time in Tokyo and Osaka.

As elsewhere, Red influence received a severe setback in Kyushu when Gen Douglas MacArthur forbade a Communist-inspired effort to declare a nation wide general strike against the Japanese Government in February.

### Boring From Within

The Communist attacks, observers agreed, were similar to those of Tokyo Communists. Organisers were instructed to bore from within to gain key positions in labour and from organisations in order to control the movements. The organisations would then be used as a base from which a drive could be started to gain control local governments, and eventually the national government in Tokyo.

For the present, Communist efforts are centered at encouraging and creating local discontent. Gen. MacArthur, the occupation and Japanese reactionaries are blamed for everything from food shortages to droughts and floods, all of which would disappear, the Communists preach, if Japan is brought into the Russian orbit.

The people of Kyushu, however, are traditionally conservative and the Communists make little headway, except in cases of extreme poverty.

Japanese soldiers repatriated from Siberia report determined efforts made to convert them to the Soviet ideology while prisoners of war, but little progress was made and many who were "converted" repented on their return home.

### Propaganda Course

The Russians followed a regular plan in their efforts to turn prisoners into good Communists. Prisoners were first screened after a preliminary course of indoctrination, and the most likely candidates were sent to propaganda schools for intensive courses on the methods to follow when they return to Japan.

Some of the repatriated were visited by Communist agents soon after reaching home, indicating that the directors of the propaganda schools were in direct contact with leaders of the Japanese Communist Party.

One of the worst effects of Red propaganda, according to a coal mine manager, has been the achieving of a considerable decrease in a worker's production. This manager said workers in mines no more than two or three hours daily, spending the rest of the time "galling." There has been no increase in production despite repeated wage increases and the granting of other benefits.—Reuter.

### FIVE CHINESE DIE IN FIRE

Singapore, Sept. 4.—Five Chinese, three adults and two children, were burnt to death in a fire which gutted a two-story building in a Singapore tenement area this afternoon.

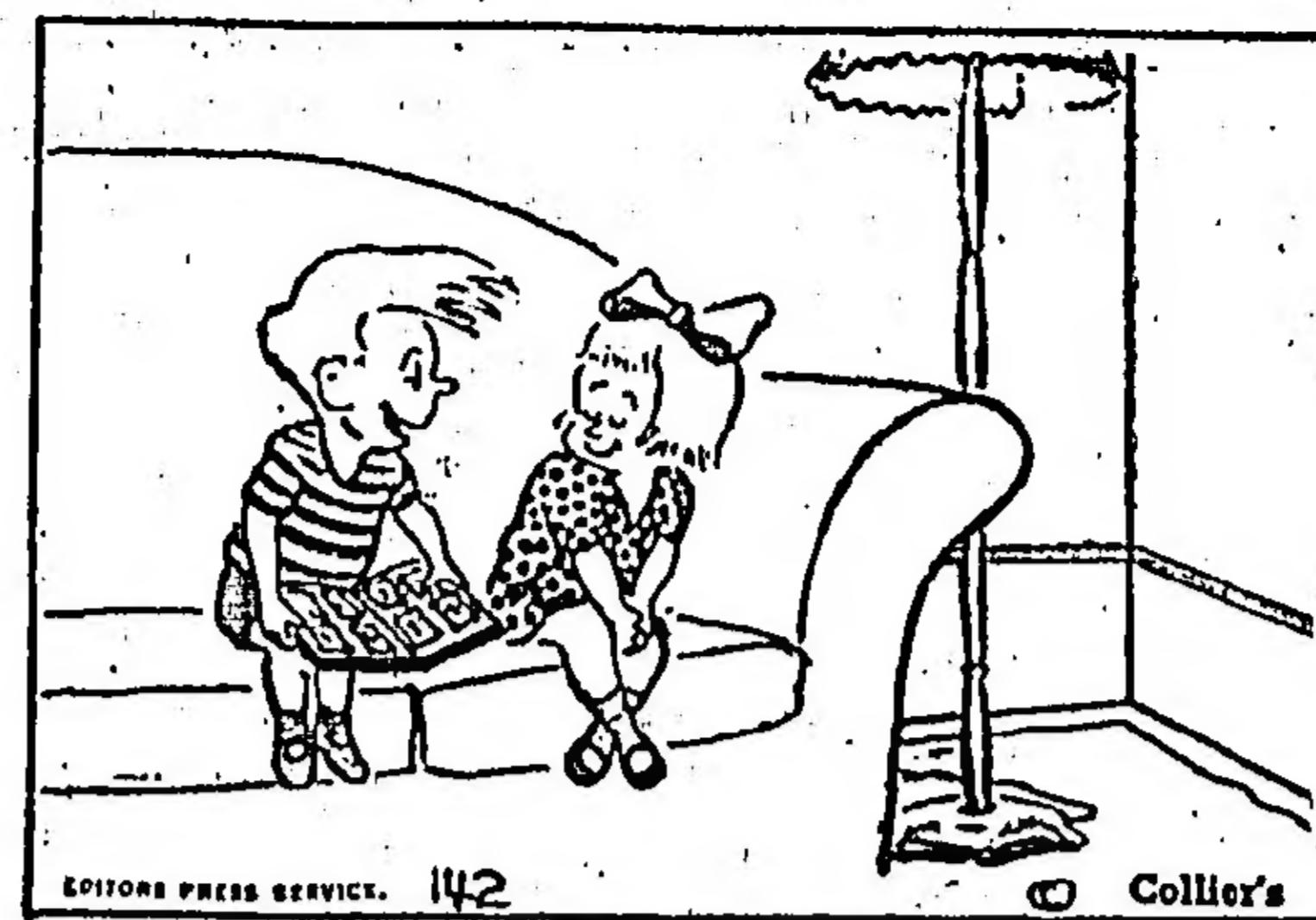
Two other children were killed and another seriously injured when pane-stricken residents fled out of the windows 35 feet down into the roadway.

The child who survived was caught by a bystander as she fell.—Reuter.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Globe Theatre. 2. High humidity means dry air, while low humidity means an excess of water vapour suspended in the air. 3. Franz Schubert. 5. The gondola in races held annually in Venice.—Reuter.



"The years have treated you kindly, Alice."

## Dutch Cabinet Meets To Discuss Indonesia

The Hague, Sept. 4.—The Dutch Cabinet held a special meeting today to discuss Indonesia, where the Dutch and Indonesians have charged each other with breaking the "cease-fire" order issued at the instance of the United Nations Security Council.

The meeting was attended by Dr Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, and Colonel Abdul Kadir Admojo, Government Commissioner for West Java.

Another special meeting is planned for tomorrow for Cabinet Ministers exclusively. No important decisions were expected today.

Meanwhile, in Batavia, a Dutch Headquarters communiqué stated today that "Indonesian terrorists and agitators in increasing numbers are filtering through into areas occupied by the Netherlands forces."

The Dutch communiqué added: "In a night attack at Skember, near Cheribon in north Java, on August 31, Chinese people were murdered, their houses plundered and set on fire."

Fifty Chinese are said to be still missing.

### Chinese Security Corps

Mentioning the newly-formed Chinese Security Corps for the first time, the Dutch communiqué said that one of their guard posts at Loemadjang, eastern Java, had been fired on by the Republicans. Chinese living near Banjuwung, eastern Java, "are fleeing to the town seeking safety from Republican terrorism," the communiqué stated.

This same wrong guessing is threatening the results of the Paris Conference. There the statesmen, gathered to assess Europe's needs and Europe's capabilities, have been concentrating on the former almost to the exclusion of the latter.

American experts have warned them that they must be more realistic—that they are trying to get all they can before they arrange to contribute all they can. They are a long way from producing a programme which will gain American approval. They look forward to the rest of the year to work out after the crisis instead of as vital to meeting it.

### Plain Talk

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, is even talking about a Commonwealth customs union instead of general European co-operation.

Europe's statesmen will get some mighty talk on these subjects at the World Bank meeting next week. They apparently are assuming that anti-Communist sentiment in the United States is so strong that the US State Department and Congress will regard a declaration of repugnance to Communism as an equivalent of positive self-help economic programme. But they are forgetting that American abilities have limits.

If they continue under such a misapprehension they may destroy all chances for a workable programme.—Associated Press.

## MORE RICE FOR INDIA

Singapore, Sept. 4.—India, where the rice situation was described as "critical," will benefit to the extent of about 4,000 tons owing to the favourable position in the Philippines, it was stated at the South-East Asia Liaison Officers meeting here today.

Lord Killearn, the British Special Commissioner for South-East Asia, said though it was true that rice stocks in some deficit territories had improved, the situation was "far from encouraging."

The Philippines, it was stated, had agreed to grant loans from the International Emergency Food Council allocations to India, Malaya and Singapore, and the Netherlands East Indies, of about 4,000, 2,600, and 1,000 tons respectively, and had agreed to defer repayment of the loans already outstanding.

The good rice position in the Philippines was attributed to wider consumption of wheat flour and a good corn harvest.

Hong Kong, although not represented at the meeting, reported a favourable situation and also agreed to postpone repayment of a loan made to the Netherlands East Indies.

Two other children were killed and another seriously injured when pane-stricken residents fled out of the windows 35 feet down into the roadway.

The child who survived was caught by a bystander as she fell.—Reuter.

### St. Leger Callovers

London, Sept. 4.—The callovers on the St. Leger at the Victoria Club tonight were: 2 to 1 Miggoli offered, 9 to 4 taken; 3 to 1 Pearl Diver offered; 7 to 2 taken; 5 to 1 Arkab offered; 11 to 2 taken; 13 to 2 Saynilao offered; 7 to 1 taken; 22 to 1 Merry Queen and 11 to 1 taken; 25 to 1 Arkab offered; 40 to 1 Bow and Arrow offered; 45 to 1 taken; 50 to 1 Whitecap offered; 60 to 1 taken; 60 to 1 other.

Special place betting: 4 to 7 Miggoli, 8 to 11 Pearl Diver, 5 to 4 Arkab and Saynilao, 9 to 2 Merry Queen, 5 to 1 The Street, 8 to 1 Bow and Arrow.—Reuter.

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## No Ultimatum To Jewish Aid Bodies In Hamburg

Hamburg, Sept. 4.—The British authorities in Germany vigorously denied tonight a report that the military government in the British zone had given an "ultimatum" to Jewish aid organisations to leave the zone unless they were prepared to help to disembark the 4,360 "Exodus" refugees now approaching Hamburg aboard three British transports.

Major-General Evelyn Fanshawe, Director of the International Relief Organisation in the zone, said that no "ultimatum" as reported had been issued to the Jews. Jewish organisations had been informed that they were in the zone under the charter for Jewish welfare, and if they refused to co-operate there might be grounds for revising their status.

The British authorities had asked the Jewish relief organisations to notify the military government by 11.00 a.m. (GMT) if they intended to help the refugees, in co-operation with the military government, when the ships docked.

The British authorities and Jewish medical aid would be available at the camps, but not on the quays.

### Report By Telephone

Mr Joseph Rosenthal, chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone, who made the allegation of an ultimatum at a press conference in Hamburg, admitted afterwards that the St. organisations had had the report by telephone and had nothing writing.

He alleged that five Jewish relief organisations received the "ultimatum" on Saturday through the American Joint Distribution Committee and that it was received by telephone from a colonel in the headquarters of the displaced persons and war prisoners division at Lengen, southwest of Hanover.

Mr Rosenthal indicated that instructions to Jewish organisations in the British zone to follow a non-co-operation policy had come from the Paris headquarters of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

### Jewish Protest

The Central Jewish Committee issued a long statement today accusing the British Government of "inhumanity" in sending the "Exodus" Jews to Hamburg and stating that, as a protest, Jewish agencies would not be represented when the ships docked.

The British Government proposal that the three Jewish refugee ships, now en route to Hamburg, should anchor at the French port of Le Havre today or tomorrow is not expected to materialise as a result of French Prime Minister Paul Ramadier's refusal this morning to agree to the French Government making a new appeal to the refugees to settle in France, a report from Paris stated.

The proposal that the French Parliament should do so was made in a second British note sent to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs this week.

The British suggestion was deferred for decision to the French Premier, who decided that the French position was sufficiently clear and well known by the Jewish refugees, and that there was therefore no reason for any new statement by France on the subject.—Reuter.

## CONTRACTOR ON GRAFT PAYMENTS

Trieste, Sept. 4.—A contractor, who said he received public works contracts amounting to 557,000,000 lire without public bidding, testified today in the trial of five civilians charged in Venezia Giulia's million-dollar scandal.

The contractor, under arrest and awaiting trial himself, said he had received his contracts directly from Major E. H. Richardson (US) former Public Works Director, who was awaiting trial. The contractor said he paid Richardson's interpreter and general secretary, Angelo Ricci, 7,000,000 lire on one deal.

The prosecution witness said he was surprised at Ricci's request, "because it was abnormal since it came after the award of the contract." He said he paid the fee "because it was general usage."

Ricci is expected to testify today. Civilians on trial include his private secretary, two secretaries of other officers, Ricci and another military government employee.—United Press.

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